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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE GENERAL DEBATE ON UN DEV-
ELOPMENTAL OPERATIONS AND ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - NOV. 15

1. SUMMARY: SECOND COMMITTEE DEBATE ON ITEM 59 (UN
ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT) AND ITEMS 67 AND 68 (TECHNICAL AND
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) CONTINUED
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15. THE SEVEN SPEECHES INCLUDED THE
U.S. STATEMENT DELIVERED BY ROBERT W. KITCHEN EXCEPT FOR
A STRIDENT STATEMENT FROM ALGERIA, THE DEBATE REMAINED LOW-
KEYED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE U.S. STATEMENT, AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE DE-
PARTMENT, WAS MADE BY MINISTER-COUNSELLOR ROBERT W. KITCHEN.
THE U.S. POSITION ON THE IS OF "NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY
AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN UN ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO COOP-
ERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS THE STRONGEST VOCIED
BY ANY WESTERN DELEGATION. (COPIES OF THE TEXT ARE BEING
POUCHED TO CHESTER NORRIS, IO/DHP)

3. SPEAKING RIGHT AFTER THE 7S., THE BULGARIAN DELEGATE
SAID THE U.S. PROPOSAL ON UNDP'S NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY
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HOLDINGS WOULD "HARDLY RESOLVE THE MATTER." HE ADVOCATED

GREATER USE OF BULGARIAN TRAINING FACILITIES, PERSONNEL, AND EQUIPMENT. CALLING INDOCHINA A PAST VICTIM OF "IMPERIALIST" AGGRESSION," THE BULGARIAN HOPED THE REGION WOULD RECEIVE UNDP AID AT AN "APPROPRIATE TIME."

4. IN A STRIDENT STATEMENT, THE ALGERIAN DELEGATE URGED G-77 SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' "FAILURE TO RESPOND TO JUST DEMANDS." HE ALSO PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MACHINAERY TO ADJUST UN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INFLATION.

5. THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ARGENTINA ANNOUNCED THAT THE BUENOS AIRES CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD PROBABLY BE RESCHEDULED TO EARLY 1978 TO AVOID A DATE CONFLICT WITH THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION. CLAIMING THAT THE RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR THE CONFERENCE WERE "TOTALLY INADEQUATE," THE ARGENTINIAN DELEGATE CALLED ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROPRIATE THE NEEDED RESOURCES FROM THE UN REGULAR BUDGET. HE PROPOSED THAT BRADFORD MORSE, UNDP ADMINISTRATOR, BE NAMED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE AND THAT MORSE BE ASSISTED BY AN AD HOC SECRETARIAT.

6. THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATE HOPED THAT THE PLO WOULD RECEIVE UNDP AID IN THE FUTURE. JORDAN AND THE DEMOCRATIC YEMEN HAD SUPPORTED THE SAME REQUEST IN EARLIER SPEECHES. WITH SIXTEEN COUNTRIES STILL INSCRIBED TO SPEAK, DEBATE ON THESE ITEMS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, THE COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN GENERAL DEBATE ON THE UN CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, ITEM 56.
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